

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached two (2) sheet(s) of drawings include the introduction of new reference numerals to Figs. 2B and Figs. 3A-B. Shading has also been added to Fig. 1 to assist in understanding the drawing.

Attachment: Two (2) replacement sheets

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the telephonic Interview conducted on January 29, 2008 between the examiner and the undersigned. The undersigned agreed to submit the following amendment in accordance with the discussion between the examiner and the undersigned.

I. Status of the Amendments

New drawing pages have been submitted. In regard to the drawings, Fig. 2B has been amended to include reference to the pedal 20 which is visible through slot 50. Also, Figs. 3A and 3B have been amended to include reference numerals so as to differentiate between the lateral walls 52a that separate the opening 40 and slot 50, and the lateral walls 52b disposed in the slot 50.

Prior to this amendment, claims 8-12 and 14 were pending. By this amendment, no changes have been made to the claims. Thus, claims 8-12 and 14 remain pending.

II. Examiner Interview and Response

On January 29, 2008, the undersigned conducted a telephonic interview with the examiner. The undersigned and the examiner discussed the application, the amendment filed on November 13, 2007, and the references cited (Ananthasivan et al., EP Publ. No. 0997361, and Mueller, U.S. Patent No. 6,786,109). In particular, the undersigned and the examiner discussed the limitations of claim 8 regarding the lateral walls. The undersigned and the examiner also discussed the interpretation of the term "pedal axis."

In regard to the lateral walls, the examiner indicated that it would be helpful if the applicant would add reference numerals to the figures to explain where such lateral walls may be found in the illustrated embodiments. Applicants submit herewith amended Figs. 3A and 3B that address the different lateral walls present in the illustrated embodiments, along with an amendment to the specification in that regard. At the same time, applicants have

addressed a request from the examiner to reference the fact that the pedal 20 that can be seen through the slot 50 in Fig. 2B.

In regard to the pedal axis, the examiner believed that the term "pedal axis" was a misnomer. While the undersigned remains confident that one skilled in the art would understand the scope of the description and claims of the application in this regard, applicant would be amendable to amending the description and claims to express the term "pedal axis" as "pedal shaft". Obviously, no agreement was reached on this issue between the examiner and the undersigned during the interview.

If there is any further matter that the Examiner would like to discuss, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below. In any event, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30607/40513.

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